

## REMARKS

Claims 7, 11, 21 and 27 have been canceled. Claims 1-6, 8-10, 12-20, and 22-26 remain present in this application. In the Final Office Action: claims 9, 10, 12, and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,327,548 (hereinafter “Hardell”); claims 1-3, 5, 6, and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hardell in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,740,349 (hereinafter “Hasbun”) and U.S. Patent No. 5,867,702 (hereinafter “Lee”); claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hardell in view of Hasbun; claims 16-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hardell in view of Hasbun and U.S. Patent No. 6,571,347 (hereinafter “Tseng”); claims 22-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hardell and Tseng; and claims 4, 7, 11, 15, 20, 21, 26, and 27 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

While Applicant does not agree with many of the positions taken in the Final Office Action, Applicant has nevertheless amended the independent claims to include subject matter which Applicant believes was indicated to be allowable. Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 9, 16, and 22 are now allowable. Furthermore, Applicant submits that claims 2-6, 8, 10, 12-15, 17-20, and 23-26 are also allowable for at least the reason that the claims depend upon allowable claims.

### CONCLUSION

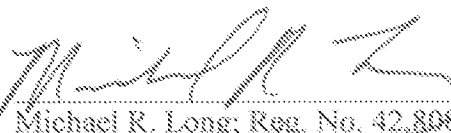
Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the final rejection and the allowance of the present application without the need for a long and costly appeal.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-3797.

Respectfully submitted,

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